Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Place of posting
101.	Shri Prabhu Dayal, Lab. Attendant	R. K. Puram III
102.	Shri Lakhmi Chand-I, Safaiwala	Kasturba Nagar I
103.	Shri Kishan Lal-III, Safaiwala	Andrews Ganj
104.	Shri Tilak Raj, Peon	Jangpura
105.	Shri Karam Chand, Nursing Attendant	Srinivaspuri
106.	Smt. Raj Rani Kapoor, Female Attendant	Kidwai Nagar (Ayu)
107.	Smt. Kanta Tomy, Female Attendant	S. N. Puri
108.	Smt. Kai Kai Devi, Female Attendant	Kalkaji II
109.	Smt. Pushpa, Female Attendant	Netaji Nagar
110.	Smt. Kalindi Devi, Female Attendant	Srinivaspuri

Ban on Colouring in Pickles

1746. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued a notification banning the use of colours in pickles, with a view to enabling the consumers to have a better assessment of the quality of the product, as colour could mask both the quality and appearance of pickles and mislead the consumers, as reported in the Hindu of 23rd October, 1999;

(b) if so, whether Government would ban the use of colours in sweets also for the same reasons; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The use of permitted synthetic colours have been banned in pickle since there is no technological need and traditional practice to use colour in pickle and use of colour in pickle masks both the quality and appearance.

(b) and (c) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 permits use of only those colours which have been recognised as safe by FAO/WHO and they are permitted, only in specified articles of food within prescribed limit.

At present there is no proposal to ban the use of synthetic colour in sweets. However a multicentric study on intake of Food colours has already been initiated to review use of synthetic colours in food.

Aluminium Toxicity

1747. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report on 'Risk of Aluminium Toxicity in the Indian Context' in I.C.M.R. Bulletin No. 8, Vol. 29, has come to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to reduce the risk of Aluminium Toxicity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to I.C.M.R. bulletin, though the neurotoxic potential of aluminium is undisputed in various animal species, there is as yet no strong evidence to suggest that aluminium could be toxic to normal healthy humans.

Expenditure on Health and Medical Care

†1748. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 6 per cent of gross domestic product is spent by Government in the field of health and medical care;

(b) if not, what is the average annual expenditure in this regard;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.